

# TONTO National Forest



Recreation  
Opportunity  
Guide

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LAKE BOATING

## BARTLETT RESERVOIR

### **RANGER DISTRICT**

Cave Creek Ranger Station  
40202 N. Cave Creek Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85262  
Phone (480) 595-3300 Fax (480) 595-3342

### **RELATED OPPORTUNITIES**

Fishing, water activities, camping, picnicking  
and boating

### **ELEVATION**

1798 feet (spillway)

### **BOAT LAUNCHING SITES**

Jojoba  
Bartlett Flat  
Bartlett Marina  
Yellow Cliffs

### **LOCATION AND ACCESS**

The reservoir is 20 miles east of Carefree.  
From Carefree, take the Cave Creek  
Road/Forest Road (FR) 24 to the Bartlett  
Road/Forest Road (FR) 19 junction. Turn right  
on this paved highway; it is 13 miles to the  
reservoir.

### **ATTRACTIONS**

- The Bartlett Reservoir area is noted for the spectacular vistas of the Desert Mountains and the Sonoran plant life
- A fair portion of the west side of the reservoir is devoted to camping and picnicking

### **FEES:**

\$4.00 per vehicle  
\$2.00 per watercraft per day

### **LAKE SIZE (FULL)**

2830 acres  
33 miles of shoreline  
174 feet maximum depth  
12 miles long

### **CONSIDERATIONS**

- Be prepared for delays in boat access during summer weekends. Many of the Valley's radio stations carry advisories concerning crowd conditions.
- The northern end of the lake is closed to water-skiing. Please observe buoys.
- Rattlesnake Cove is closed to all motorized watercraft.
- Motors generating a noise level of greater than 82 decibels are prohibited.
- Direction of travel on the reservoir is counter-clockwise.
- Maricopa County Sheriff, Arizona Game & Fish and Tonto National Forest personnel enforce regulations.
- Trash service and toilets
- Free-flowing portions of the Verde River are closed to motorized use.
- No glass containers.

### **CAUTION**

Water levels fluctuate seasonally based on precipitation and irrigation demand. Rocks and other obstacles can be near the water surface. Be aware that motor boating involves hazards, and people engaging in this activity assume the associated risks.

### **RELATED INFORMATION**

- Boating & Recreation Guide to Bartlett Lake, Desert Charts*
- For lake-level information, contact Salt River Project's recorded message (602) 236-5929 or [www.srpnet.com](http://www.srpnet.com)